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SUBJECT: CIVAIR CHARTER NEGOTIATIONS

REF: STATE 647833, MADRID 1659

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1. ECONCOUN AND EMBOFF MET WITH VALLAURE AND O'CONNOR APRIL 24 FOR REVIEW OF PENDING CHARTER NEGOTIATIONS. STRESSED THAT USG PREPARED NEGOTIATE OVERALL CHARTER AGREEMENT AND THAT SUCH AGREEMENT WOULD HAVE TO INCORPORATE IMPROVEMENT SPANISH CARRIER OPPORTUNITIES.

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- 2. BOTH GOS OFFICIALS AGREED TALKS ON THIS SUBJECT DESIRABLE AND WERE GLAD HAVE USG ASSURANCE RE SPANISH OPPORTUNITIES. BUT, DUE ECAC COMMITMENTS SOME RELUCTANCE EXPRESSED CHARACTERIZE THESE TALKS AS NEGOTIATIONS. BOTH MEN PREFERRED CALL THEM CONVERSATIONS AND HOPED FURTHER TALKS CHARACTERIZABLE AS NEGOTIATIONS COULD BE HELD IN FALL.
- 3. CONCERNING TIMING, VALLAURE AND O'CONNOR BOTH COMMITTED TO INAUGURAL IBERIA FLIGHT TO US JUNE 16 AND 17. ALSO, VALLAURE COMMITTED AT LEAST FIRST TWO WEEKS OF JUNE TO ILO CONFERENCE GENEVA. O'CONNOR'S OTHER COMMITMENTS MAKE IT APPEAR THAT BEST TIME WOULD BE WEEK OF JULY 9.
- 4. O' CONNOR TOLD EMBOFFS TGC/ ABC CHARTER ARRANGZMENTS (STATE 64783, PARA 4) APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE. BUT EMB HAS NOT YET RECEIVED FORMAL NOTIFICATION THIS APPROVAL.
- 5. O' CONNOR CONTINUED EMPHASIZE MORE CONSERVATIVE GOS POLICY ON CHARTERS, RELATING THAT COMMANDER OF AIRCRAFT INVOLVED IN ONE RECENT CAPITOL CHARTER FLIGHT FINED 10,000 PESETAS FOR LANDING AT MADRID AND DISCHARGING PASSENGERS IN ADDITION TO STOP AT MALAGA FOR WHICH ALREADY HAD PERMISSION. SAID HE HAD RECOMMENDED FURTHER FINE OF 100,000 PESETAS, WHICH ONLY MINISTER CAN APPROVE. O' CONNOR WAS SOMEWHAT UNHAPPY THAT THIS PILOT AND SEVERAL OTHER COMMANDERS OF CHARTER AIRCRAFT WERE MAKING LWST MINUTE CHANGES SUCH AS THIS ONE IN EXPECTATION GOS WOULD ALLOW TRIP TO CONTINUE WITH NO FURTHER SANCTIONS THAN FINE. ADDED THAT FURTHER PZNALTY AVAILABLE TO GOS OF BANNING ANY MORE CHARTZR FLIGHTS OF OFFENDING COMPANY. IN ANSWER TO EMBOFF QUESTION STATED THAT LATTER PENALTY APPLIED ONLY ONCE, TO NORWEGIAN FIRM. RIVERS UNQUOTE ROGERS

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